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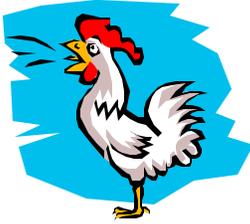
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Retail demand was slow to fair, instances moderate. Food service was in a full range, best for fairs, festivals, and fast food specials. Supplies were at least adequate, more available for heavier weights. In the parts structure, interest for breast items strengthened and supplies were tight to adequate. Wings were also tight and continued to clear well. Dark meat was adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light due to mortality caused by extreme heat in the South. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/24-07/28/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	44.00-49.00	38.00-62.25	48.17	23
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	49.00-52.00			

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.50-60.00	44.00-64.00	59.56	83
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
582	56.20-62.00	59.54

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	131.50	3,965
BREASTS - WHOLE	62.50	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.00	490
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	7,955
WINGS	57.00	2,675

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with fair trading. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest for breast items increased as supplies tightened and at times held with more confidence. Wings were well cleared and continued to show strength, and dark meat was adequate with slow to fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were light to moderate and weights were desirable but trending lighter due to fatalities and weight loss from excessive heat.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week. Offerings ample on weights over 3 pounds and under 3 pounds generally adequate. Buying activity centered on regular commitments with little interest noted for additional product. Retailer demand light to moderate for whole body and moderate overall for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week- end clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-89 and cut-up 139, leg quarters 28-49, whole legs 79-89, thighs 79-149, drum- sticks 79-149, wings 99, bone-in breasts 97-199, boneless breasts 198- 399, boneless leg meat 98-119, boneless thigh meat 169 and Cornish hens 148 [twin pack]; Northern California - whole body 89, breasts 99- 139 and boneless breasts 199-399.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices into Chicago for next week's trading were unchanged from Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was barely steady to steady. Additional product offerings were adequate or available with buyers generally disinterested or satisfied with regular commitments. Movement into retail channels was slow to light overall with an occasional fair noted in the St. Louis area and Chicago areas. Food service demand was in a full range mostly light to fair. The majority of establishments reported orders were less than normal for Friday with fairs and festival providing extra interest. A major chain in the Michigan area noted retail feature on split breasts at 99 cents. Floor stocks were adequate to ample, sizes mixed, mostly desirable. Parts trading was slow to fair. Tenderloins were clearing well and in tight supply, wings trading was in a full range for the limited offerings, breast items and leg quarters trading was light to fair at best for the at least adequate supplies. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm on breast items, mostly steady on all other items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light. Offerings of heavier sizes were more than adequate for the limited demand. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to moderately good. The market tone ranged from steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were reported as tight to close balance, other items were usually sufficient for current trade needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair at best as the weekend approached. Offerings were at least adequate for immediate needs and larger sizes continued to be in the most available position. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights ranged desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 52 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts market, breast items continued to improve and were firm. Other items were at least adequate for immediate delivery.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	40-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.91
NO. OF BOXES	8,528
CUMULATIVE	
	07/17/00-07/21/00 56.30
	07/19/99-07/23/99 59.13
NO. OF BOXES	
	07/17/00-07/21/00 42,080
	07/19/99-07/23/99 32,262

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JULY 21, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	489	110.00-172.00	128-135	131.45	742	110.00-175.00	125-135	132.23	3,036	132.81	
TENDERLOINS	177	170.00-210.00	170-175	174.52	275	173.00-210.00	175	184.45	1,077	183.53	
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	59.00-69.00	62-64	62.70	145	60.00-69.00	62-64	62.74	513	62.27	
FRONT HALVES	105	51.00-58.00	-	55.00				TOO FEW TO REPORT	396	54.79	
LEGS	86	27.00-39.00	28-29	27.84	86	27.00-39.00	28-29	27.84	430	27.84	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	17.00-20.00	18-20	18.83	349	18.00-20.00	18-19	18.97	2,543	18.49	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,297	19.00-23.00	21-22	21.37	1,217	19.00-23.00	21-22	21.38	6,243	21.39	
WINGS (WHOLE)	99	54.00-59.00	54-56	56.46	65	54.00-57.00	55-56	54.60	538	53.88	
WINGS (CUT)	520	62.00-85.00	67-69	71.18	514	62.00-85.00	66-67	66.33	2,431	67.10	
DRUMSTICKS	49	26.00-35.00	-	27.65				TOO FEW TO REPORT	114	30.74	
THIGHS	43	24.00-35.00	-	34.23				TOO FEW TO REPORT	173	28.91	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT	57	55.11	

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TRADING FOR JULY 20, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
34.00 - 39.00	36.92

TRADING FOR JULY 21, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
34.50 - 39.50	36.99	36.64

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest improved on breast items. Wings were tight to balanced. Leg quarters were adequate, but thighs and thigh meat were usually reported as ample. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was slow to moderately good with features generating the best activity. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, full steady on wings, and balance of other items were usually reported as steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	VOL/LBS	AVG**		TRADING*	VOL/LBS	AVG**		VOL/LBS	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	115-120	523,530	121.24	120-125	124,46	462,840	120.172	576,210		
TENDERLOINS	160-165	81,150	174.50	170	175.25	111,000	172.07	524,230		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	211,160	59.68	52-53	58.78	229,720	57.831	230,000		
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	91,880	57.11	52	58.52	138,440	55.19	531,680		
LEGS	35-36	260,040	36.25	35-36	37.39	244,440	36.751	224,280		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	379,977	23.46	22-23	22.70	357,143	22.922	482,842		
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	88,562	40.63	36-37	41.65	112,840	39.34	613,632		
THIGHS	22-23	167,440	25.35	22-23	26.65	203,000	26.70	871,120		
B/S THIGHS	73-74	61,680	75.64	71-72	76.05	54,960	78.60	299,110		
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	345,040	62.86	57-58	64.17	339,100	65.001	653,330		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	58,440	12.12	10-12	11.98	76,480	12.01	339,040		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31,960	33.84	30-35	35.80	49,500	33.65	206,690		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	54,120	45.15	40-45	44.90	78,860	44.91	320,540		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.  
 \*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	07/21	07/20	07/19	07/18	07/19	07/18	07/14	07/12
ALA	4,113	3,913	3,482	3,840	4.79	4.92	4,457	4.88
ARK	5,319	5,277	4,952	5,107	4.76	4.71	5,497	4.83
DELMARVA	2,488	2,385	2,450	2,415	5.11	5.08	2,629	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,055	2,095	2,071	2,062	4.36	4.48	2,157	4.34
MISS	3,091	2,858	2,802	2,787	4.95	4.96	2,753	4.89
NC	2,676	2,690	2,609	2,645	5.83	6.01	2,657	5.76
TEXAS	2,328	2,351	2,387	2,321	4.67	4.74	2,292	4.71
TOTAL	22,070	21,569	20,753	21,177	4.92	4.94	22,442	4.94

MON-FRI107,767(A)  
 107,303(A)  
 (A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21 & 22-Jul-00 is estimated to be 33,019,000 up 5.92 percent from a week ago and down 1.7 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,574,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Jul-00 is estimated to be 155,590,000 head down 3.7 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago  
 (Last week 161,559,000 Last year 155,059,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-104 ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111 DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98 ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 8, 2000 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	31,470	35,327	34,107
Avg Weight	3.76	4.80	6.10
% of total /1	31%	35%	34%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	27,193	34,195	39,102
Avg Weight	3.65	4.80	6.01
% of total /1	27%	34%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,422	30,884	34,471
Avg Weight	3.83	4.80	5.93
% of total /1	32%	32%	36%
To date/2000	895,527	867,920	1,114,117
To date/1999	876,867	761,680	1,180,699

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 15-Jul-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	161,559 (A)	1,882	1,428	3,310	455
AVG WT	5.01	3.48	7.96	5.41	6.48
LAST WEEK	135,659	1,262	1,086	2,348	379
YR AGO	158,335	1,978	1,089	3,067	444
AVG WT	4.98	3.41	7.88	5.00	6.63
TO-DATE/2000	4,320,869	55,025	39,026	94,051	12,602
TO-DATE/1999	4,234,663	60,629	37,889	98,518	12,404

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.5 million head or 6.1 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 18, 2000**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.68 - 1.78	Silkies	3.00 - 4.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.62 - 1.76	Pigeons	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .54	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.50 - .64	Rabbits 4-6	.40 - .92
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .92	Rabbits 7-11	.40 - .78
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .84	Bunnies	.50 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	.20 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - 1.04	Goats	40.00 - 76.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.50 - 1.65	Kid Goats	19.00 - 76.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 7.00ea.	Doves	2.50 - 6.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.75ea.	Pullets 4-6	.60 - 1.10
Leghorn Hens	.02 - .14		
Leghorn Roosters	.60 - 1.02	Total Coops Sold	638

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 17-JUL-2000

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	41-44	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83	60-65

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to at times fairly good. Some slaughter schedules were full-time to over-time this week due to bird sizes being desirable to mostly heavy because of cooler weather in the midwest. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 17-JUL-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
JUNE	10	161.2	157.3	102	4.86
	17	161.7	158.5	102	4.90
	24	161.6	158.8	102	5.03
JULY	1	167.0	158.7	105	5.01
	8	137.3	157.7	87	4.98
	15	163.5	157.4	104	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	4373.5	4306.1	102		
JULY	22	158.1			
	29	157.6			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	07/22/00	07/15/00	% CHG	07/24/99	% CHG	
Broilers	155,590	161,559	-04	155,059	0	
Cattle	706	721	-02	695	+02	
Hogs	1,803	1,834	-02	1,767	+02	

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were about unchanged on light cannery but generally lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of cannery were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. The undertone was mixed and unsettled but generally no better than steady on light cannery and barely steady to weak on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-26 MAJORITY	24.5-27.5 MAJORITY 27-27.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24.25-27.75 MAJORITY 25-26	26.75-29.5 MAJORITY 28.5-29.5

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate but not burdensome for the unaggressive and slow demand. Processing schedules for next week were about normal to light. Finished product was fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were too few to report. Demand was moderate for in balance to adequate offerings of leghorn gowl. Finished sales were fair. Current schedules were adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steadier.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices continued unchanged. Demand was light to moderate as offerings remain mostly ample for current needs. Finished product demand was quiet. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Schedules were at normal capacity for a slow to fair interest for finished product. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

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